

BILL NO. R-72-05-27

RESOLUTION NO. R- 27-72

WHEREAS, the United States of America is still deeply involved in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, since 1961 the total death count of military dead as a direct result of said war is:

1. American Military deaths	45,703
2. South Vietnamese deaths	159,839
3. Communists deaths	810,757
4. Civilian casualties include	
1,050,000 in South Vietnam	325,000 killed
(an estimated 30% or 97,500	
children under 13 years of age)	

WHEREAS, above death totals do not include other human injuries and casualties; and

WHEREAS, the Refugee Sub-committee estimates that "over a third of South Vietnam's estimated population of 18 million have become refugees since 1964, with the vast majority still crowded into urban areas or into refugee centers near provincial and district towns; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America has expended 6,319,320 tons of air munitions in South Vietnam as opposed to only 2,160,110 tons in all of World War II. This is enough munitions to create 3.5 million craters 45 feet in diameter and 30 feet in depth in South Vietnam and the Communists still control a major portion of South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, three million Indo Chinese civilians are now living in areas subject to U.S. bombing at any time day or night and this is approximately equal to fifteen (15) times the amount of civilians in metropolitan Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, Since 1965, fighting the War in Vietnam has cost the United States of America \$123,000,000,000, which figure does not include the indirect costs, such as war generated inflation, Vietnam Veteran's benefits, and rehabilitation for drug-addicted troops. Considering the veterans alone, and using past Wars as a guide, it is estimated that the budgeted cost of the War will be increased by at least 50% or \$60,000,000,000 as Vietnam Veterans benefits are paid out in the future. A further cost will be borne by the U.S. taxpayer as they pay more and more interest on the national debt, which is nearly 80% war-created; and

WHEREAS, to estimate each taxpayer's contribution of Fort Wayne, to the Viet Nam war the formula developed by Senator Mark Hatfield allows each citizen to calculate his individual contribution to military spending and to the war in Viet Nam and is as follows:

Simply estimate the Total Federal Taxes you paid during fiscal 1971 (July 1, 1970 - June 30, 1971) which includes your income tax; excise taxes on alcohol, tobacco, amusement, telephone, luxuries, and custom duties, estate taxes and gift taxes, if any and multiply this total by 0.64 and you will have your contribution to military spending for fiscal 1971. Multiply that same total by 0.10 and you will have your contribution to the Vietnam War last year. To determine total contributions since 1965 multiply that same total by 0.77; and

WHEREAS, using said Senator Hatfield's formula the average Fort Wayne taxpayer paid \$1,542.00 last year in Federal taxes, of this amount \$987.00 was for military purposes, \$154.00 specifically for the Vietnamese War. Since 1965 the War in Viet Nam has cost the average Fort Wayne taxpayer a total of \$1,188.00; and

WHEREAS, the following figures reveal the present order of priorities, and new priorities are needed if we are to restore the health of the economy, and meet the pressing need for Federal funds for water and sewer projects, housing, aid to education, law enforcement, environmental protection, youth care, job retraining, irrigation and flood control, recreational area development, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the War in Vietnam has also cost a great deal to Fort Wayne in terms of lost opportunities, the list of much needed projects is nearly inexhaustible, and the list of projects rejected or delayed for lack of funds is nearly as long including:

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| 1. Pollution control project for City Light | \$736,000 |
| 2. Storm relief sewer for Harvester ditch | \$600,000 |
| 3. Saint Mary's Interceptor, extension of Lower Huntington Road | \$273,000 |
| 4. African Veldt - (Children's Zoo) | \$ 49,297 |
| 5. Redesign of Crescent Avenue at Anthony Blvd. including changes in traffic signals | \$ 50,000 |
| 6. Lime sludge facilities | \$263,296 |

7. Chlorination facilities, treatment of effluent from treatment plant \$586,000
8. Improve St. Joe Road from State Rd. #37 north to Evard Road. \$500,000

WHEREAS, in addition to the horrible human cost of death and injury to young Fort Wayne men, the War has caused the people of Fort Wayne to forfeit large sums of money and tremendous economic opportunities and Fort Wayne has suffered and the quality of living has gone wanting; and

WHEREAS, the road to a healthier economy and to a better quality of life leads away from excessive military spending. The way is through development of community, commercial, human and natural resources. It is time for a change.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana in the best interests of this community and the nation as a whole calls upon our Federal Government to:

1. Cease bombing and harbor mining throughout Indo China, although we deplore the invasion of South Vietnam by North Vietnam;
2. Immediately release all prisoners of war on both sides;
3. Withdraw all American Troops upon release of all prisoners of war by North Vietnam and cut off all military funds;
4. Resume the Paris Peace talks by the United States;
5. Call upon the President, Indiana Senators Vance Hartke and Birch Bayh, and Congressman Edward Roush to support the Mansfield Amendment which cuts off funds for United States Ground Forces in Vietnam by August 31, 1972, if the Vietnamese will release prisoners of war and cease firing on American troops; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in pursuit of a local positive action program we pledge to work toward a program to:

1. Assist our returning Vietnam Veterans in locating employment and returning to civilian life;
2. Seek every possible way to have the financial priorities of Fort Wayne and other cities given equal consideration for the vast economic expenditures by our Federal Government.


Councilman

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGALITY,


CITY ATTORNEY

Read the first time in full and on motion by _____ seconded by _____ and duly adopted, read the second time by title and . . referred to the Committee on _____ (and to the City Plan Commission for recommendation) (and Public Hearing to be held after due legal notice, at the Council Chambers, City-County Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on _____ the _____ day of _____ 19____, at _____ o'clock P.M., E.S.T.

Date: 5-23-72 Charles W. Westerman
CITY CLERK

Read the third time in full and on motion by Moses seconded by V. Schmidt and duly adopted, placed on its passage.

Passed (LOST) by the following vote:

	AYES <u>5</u>	NAYS <u>3</u>	ABSTAINED <u>1</u>	ABSENT _____ to-wit:
Burns	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Hinga	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Kraus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Nuckols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Moses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Schmidt, D.	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Schmidt, V.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
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Talarico	_____	_____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____

Date 5-23-72 Charles W. Westerman
CITY CLERK

Passed and adopted by the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana as (Zoning Map) (General) (Annexation) (Special) (Appropriation) Ordinance (Resolution) No. R-27-72 on the 23rd day of May, 19 72.

ATTEST (SEAL) Charles W. Westerman John Nuckols
CITY CLERK PRESIDING OFFICER

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on the 24th day of May, 19 72 at the hour of 8:00 o'clock A.M., E.S.T.

Charles W. Westerman
CITY CLERK

Approved and signed by me this 24th day of May, 19 72 at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.m., E.S.T.

Joan A. Lehman
MAYOR